

It is outrageous that there is a plan to limit the sources and thus the variety of information available to ordinary people by allowing even more consolidation and homogenization of news sources than already exists. In the Detroit metro area alone, we are already limited. Disney owns four of our radio stations including our original "flagship" station of WJR. Viacom owns a cable station, channels 50 and 62 which include two of our major news sources, WWJ and WPMC. Clear Channel holds 20% of our market with 10 radio stations. Isn't this more than enough "consolidation"? Might I remind you that the first action of any regime bent on dictatorial behavior is control of the news and other sources of information? Do you want to make it easy for future demagogues to grab and retain power? Think of what Hitler did in Germany, what Oday Hussein did just recently in Iraq. Think about more than your current political goals for a change. Think instead of the values of the founders of this country, the freedom so many Americans have died for, the future well-being of this land. Act on a principle other than greed and political advantage. Act morally for the good of future generations as well as the current population, and reject this dictatorial, plutocratic idea when you meet on June 2. Please be statesmen, not toadies!